Alternative Sentencing, Diversion and Restorative Justice

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What laws have been broken?

Who did it?

What punishment do they deserve?
Restorative Justice

- Who has been harmed?

- What needs and obligations arise as a result of this harm?

- How can and who must meet these needs and obligations?
Restorative Justice is not....

- New
- Primarily about forgiveness or reconciliation
- Mediation
- Primarily designed to reduce recidivism
- Primarily intended for “minor offenses” or first time “offenders”
- Not a panacea
- Not a particular program or blueprint
TJ/RJ Models and State Power

- Court-based RJ
  - Victim Offender Dialogue
  - Community probation boards
- Transformative Justice
  - Pre-filing Diversion Circle Process
  - Family Group Conferencing

Probation boards
Questions?